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ELECTRIC IDEA

To save public transport

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How civic body is flouting its own buffer zone norms in Sadashivanagar while razing stormwater drain encroachments in Mahadevapura

ZONE-DEAF

15 m space between drain and building must

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The ongoing construction of a multi-purpose building in Sadashivanagar is a classic case of the fence eating the crop.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is not only violating its own norm by constructing a building along a stormwater drain in Sadashivanagar but also wasting taxpayers' money. The multi-purpose building in question is being constructed without following the buffer zone norms.

As per the revised buffer zone norms, there should be at least a 15-metre neutral area between the stormwater drain and any building constructed alongside. However, the space left between the aforementioned stormwater drain and the building under construction is hardly four feet.

When this correspondent visited the building under construction on Sadashivanagar police station premises where the office of the Seshadripuram subdivision assistant commissioner (ACP) is situated, police feigned ignorance of the building under construction due to the reasons best known to them.

When contacted, the assistant commissioner initially hesitated to speak about the building under construction, but eventually said that the BBMP has been constructing the building and he has nothing to do



“As of now, we are constructing ground and first floors at an estimated cost of Rs 50 lakh...”

— Assistant executive engineer, BBMP

with it.

When asked about the violation of buffer zone norms, the ACP said: “Some people with a vested interest have been trying

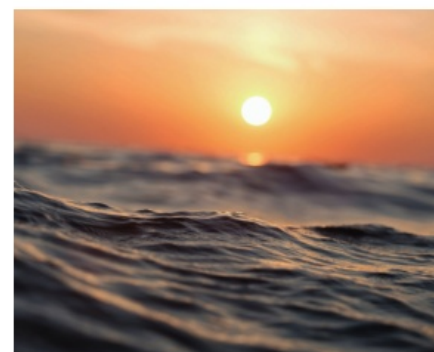
to get this land for other purposes. The BBMP is constructing the building for the police. They have constructed a retaining wall to strengthen the stormwa-

ter drain before commencing the construction,” the ACP said.

According to a reliable source, the proposed building is
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Waiting for Water

TG Halli water will be available only by March 2023



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Bengaluru's wait to receive water from the much-awaited Thippagondanahalli (TG Halli) reservoir seems to be never-ending.

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) had earlier set December 2021 as its first deadline to complete the rejuvenation of the reservoir. The deadline was then pushed to March 2022, and later to September 2022.

However, the work is far from getting over; as per the new deadline set by the board, the reservoir will now be ready only by March 2023.

Once the project is completed, the reservoir is expected to quench the thirst of as many as 110 villages in the western part of the city by pumping 1.7 TMC (thousand million cubic feet) of water.

“The rejuvenation work has been delayed on account of multiple natural calamities such as the covid-19 pandemic and now the incessant rainfall. We have been experiencing abnormal rainfall for the past many days. These downpours are of high intensity; completing any work on schedule is becoming difficult as a result. We are now looking at completing the project by March 2023,” a senior BWSSB official said.

The board, reportedly, has been waiting for the delivery of critical machinery from various countries for over six months now. While electromechanics valves and STP equipment are supposed to come from

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Journey called life



Shubham, a School of Performing Arts presents their festival, Yatra 2022, in two chapters, to celebrate their journey of 12 years of learning classical dance and music. This day-long event will feature eminent artistes like Shri Subrata De on the Sitar accompanied by Shri Ravindra Yavagal on the Tabla, Smt. Anjana Moyee Saikia (Sattriya) and Smt Vandana Supriya Kasaravalli (Odissi). Artistes will present 'Pareshti' (in search of), a production based on the album, Ganga, a journey called life.

Where: Shankaraa Foundation, Kanakapura Road
When: Sep 18, session 1: 2 pm onwards, session 2: 6:30 pm onwards

02 All about maternal health

Aastrika, a foundation for maternal healthcare in Bengaluru, will be hosting a women empowerment event at the BIC Auditorium to discuss critical issues in the Indian maternal healthcare system in the presence of key stakeholders.



The keynote address will be delivered by Dr K Sudhakar, Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Medical Education.

Where: Bengaluru International Centre, Domlur
When: September 17, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Info: <https://www.aastrika.org/>

03 Art in flux



Vasanth Art Gallery (VAG), at Grand Mercure Gopalan Mall presents "Kalpa", a body of works by artist Bodhi Selvam & A Mathew Raj. The central theme is of Kalpa -- a duration of time covering a complete cosmic cycle from the creation to the dissolution of a world system.

Where: Vasanth Art Gallery (VAG), Swamy Vivekananda Road
When: Till Sep 15, 11 am - 7 pm
Contact: 9980991645

Ranitidine: Not as useful as you think

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Twenty six drugs, including Ranitidine, have been dropped in the latest list released by Union Health Ministry

City docs advise holding off on drug removed from essential medicines list

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The Health Ministry has removed Ranitidine from the National List of Essential Medicines over concerns of the drug causing cancer. Health professionals in the city have also advised people to not buy the drug over the counter.

Zinetac, Rantac are the common drugs which come under the brand name Ranitidine. The medicine is generally prescribed for gastric issues. It is used for acid reflux, indigestion, gastro-esophageal reflux and many of them tend to take it over the counter and consume it more than what is required.

The essential medicines are said to be drugs that fulfil the priority healthcare of the population, however according to reports, salt in Ranitidine has come under scrutiny due to cancer concerns. There are 26 drugs

“ Until we have additional data available, it is better to withhold this drug

- Dr Adarsh C K, HOD & Sr Consultant, Medical Gastroenterologist, Hepatologist & Advanced Endoscopist, BGS Gleneagles Global Hospital

which have been removed by the Centre from the essential list.

Dr Adarsh C K, HOD & Sr Consultant, Medical Gastroenterologist, Hepatologist & Advanced Endoscopist, BGS Gleneagles Global Hospital said, "There are a few reports of increased cancer rate among patients on Ranitidine. This requires further validation and till we have additional data available with us; it is better to with-

hold this drug. Although it's a time-tested drug for acidity with minimal side effect and very less drug interaction, the proposed cancer side effect is the only associated con thus far. As of now, we don't think patients who have consumed the drug need to worry about it. However, any drug taken for prolonged period can be harmful. Undoubtedly, there are other alternatives to Ranitidine, which are called PPIs

(Proton pump inhibitors) and they include Omeprazole, Esomeprazole, Rabeprazole, etc."

Dr Bindumathi PL, Sr Consultant - Internal Medicine, Aster CMI Hospital also explained that Ranitidine contains N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) which activated the RAS oncogene and methyl diazonium which is known to produce cancer in few studies. This is also said to be present in other drugs, although it is found in studies that Ranitidine contains more than the required part of NDMA.

"When it was checked, it was found that the NDMA content was increasing when stored for long time. The allowed content of NDMA is 19 nanograms, however in Ranitidine when stored at 25 degree C for 12 days, where it was doing that the NDMA content was increasing. In view of this, to prevent the side effects of the NDMA it is planned to withdraw the drug. Ideally Ranitidine can produce other side effects as well in some people like diarrhea, headache, nausea, indigestion, abdominal pain, auto immune hemolytic anemia. It is said to cause colon cancer, and others and hence is been said to ban the drug," she said.

High levels of NDMA, a probable human carcinogen, could cause many types of cancer, including bladder cancer, colon cancer and prostate cancer.

Women, seen in shades of grey

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Two of literature's most-debated female characters, Lady Macbeth and Draupadi, will be represented on stage in Bengaluru in the form of an experimental dance production named 'Black and White' in Kathakali and Odissi.

Conceptualised by Odissi dancer Devjani Sen, the project is very close to her heart and has been in the pipeline for a few years. According to Sen, both these two characters are separated in time and in folklore and yet have something in common.

"For too long, many have criticised their characters for wanting too much, and being power-hungry. But why is it that when women want power and are ambitious, it is seen as a negative attribute, but when men do the same, it is accepted? In many ways, I want to sort of look at the gender bias that prevails whether in real life or fiction," she says.

The symbol of blood, seen figuratively and metaphorically for both women, is something that intrigues her a lot, she says. Draupadi asked for her hair to be matted with



The performance is an ode to two of literature's most critiqued women

the blood of the Kaurava's when she was humiliated in court and she kept her promise after the long war while Lady Macbeth was always guilty of having blood on her hands, which led to her degradation. There are so many nuances to their characters, and I wanted to represent that on stage," she says.

While Draupadi will be performed by Devjani in Odissi, various roles from the Mahabharata will be performed by senior students of the Odissi Dance Centre Bangalore. Prabal Gupta will be performing Lady



Macbeth and Sadanam Vipin Chandran will be Macbeth in Kathakali form.

Black and White will be performed on Sunday, September 18 at the Bangalore International Centre, Domlur, at 4pm and at 6:30pm. Details: bookmyshow.com



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Mahadevapura zone demolitions draw heat

People are questioning why BBMP is carrying out demolition drives in this zone but ignoring big tech parks

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) demolition drive entered its third day on Wednesday with reportedly 11 encroachments - five in Mahadevapura, four in Yelahanka, two in the East zone - being removed.

So far, demolitions have been concentrated only in the Mahadevapura zone, which has led to many people questioning the agency being hyper-focused on the area.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said, "In Bengaluru East zone, the marking (for demolition) was done earlier. We need to mark more encroachments. In Dasarahalli zone, most of the encroachments were in open areas and can be taken up later this week, but in Mahadevapura zone, the encroachments need to be removed on a priority basis as we need to reclaim the drains for smooth flow of water to Bellandur and Varthur lakes."

The BWSSB website explains that Bengaluru has three principal valleys: Vrishabhavathi, Koramangala-Challaghatta (KC), and Hebbal. Experts have called upon the BBMP to remove all encroachments in these valleys so that there is no flooding. Bengaluru is located on the watershed of two principal river basins, Arkavathi to the west and south, and Pennar to the east. The local topography is characterised by a series of well-defined valleys which



The BBMP reported demolishing 11 encroachments on Wednesday, 5 of which were in Mahadevapura zone

“When I bought my house I got the papers scrutinised. I took a home loan too. Now BBMP has demolished it. Why should I pay the remaining EMIs?”

—Resident, Mahadevapura zone

radiate from a ridge of high grounds to the north of and fall in a gradual manner towards a wide belt of flat land, extending beyond the limits of the metropolitan area to the south. Vrishabhavathi and KC valleys generally run in a north-to-south direction, dividing the greater part of the metropolitan area which lies to the south of the ridge into two separate drainage zones. The Hebbal valley flows from the north of the ridge, running in a northeasterly direction.

The BBMP is complaining about a lack of surveyors to take up the land surveying project. Meanwhile, there are allegations that the agency is not taking up work in top tech companies due to a powerful lobby.

“So far, only three or four small buildings have been removed. We

are now focusing on bigger buildings. We have decided to take action against smaller buildings later. In the case of Bagmane Tech Park, we have observed that the drain passes from the Puravankara Park Ridge towards Bagmane where a retaining wall has been constructed. Bagmane management has requested us to not remove the retaining wall as of now because it would flood the area,” said Nath.

However, residents are not happy with the work.

“My house is being demolished as I have been told that it comes in the way of a rajakaluve. Why is there no action against the layout developer? When I bought the place I got the papers scrutinised. I took a home loan too. Now, my house is demolished by BBMP. Why should I pay

the remaining EMIs?” asked a resident of Mahadevapura zone.

600 more encroachments are yet to be removed.

List of Rajakaluve encroachments

Rajakaluves are the main water channels where water flows down from upstream lakes. As a result, they need to be protected. However, during the BBMP survey, it was found that a juice factory had encroached upon a rajakaluve in Singapura and so had an apartment connecting Singapura Lake to Abbigere Lake. According to the latest data, 25 per cent of encroachments in Shantiniketan and Vagdevi layouts and 50 per cent of them in Challaghatta are yet to be cleared. Surveyors are yet to do the marking for encroachments connecting Sadaramangala to Belathur, Doddakannelli to Savalkere, TZED Apartments to Sheelavathakere, and Pattandur Agrahara Lake to Nallurahalli Lake.

IIM portal answers encroachment prayers

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Amidst the confusion caused by the government's demolition drive in Bengaluru, IIM Bangalore's unique portal is helping people know if their property is encroaching upon a rajakaluve.

The portal is a part of their Real Estate Research Initiative (RERI) which conducts scientific and interdisciplinary research on the Indian real estate sector.

Venkatesh Panchapagesan, Chairperson, RERI, and an associate professor at IIM Bangalore, spoke to



BBMP carrying out their demolition drive on Wednesday

Bangalore Mirror about how this initiative came into being almost six years back.

“This year was like deja vu for us. In 2016, there were similar floods in the city followed by furore about encroachments on rajakaluves and

stormwater drains. Then BBMP suddenly woke up and started demolishing buildings even though they were the ones who had given them permission to be built in the first place,” he said.

In 2016, Panchapagesan and a few good Samaritans developed this portal. They referred to the list of encroached areas provided by BBMP in the same year along with maps. The maps were provided by the revenue department dating back to 1965 and by the Department of Survey, Settlement, and Land Records dating back to the colonial times.

“One of the biggest issues is that the maps are not being updated. The maps being used today are more than

50-60 years old when Bengaluru was very different. If we refer to them, more than half the city has encroachments. Moreover, we felt the need for this initiative as there was no one place where the public can access government data that resides with multiple departments,” he told BM.

‘No accountability by authorities’

Panchapagesan said that it is very important that the authorities take accountability for giving permission to build over rajakaluves. Instead of blaming the occupiers and engineers, he said that authorities should look into who allowed these projects to be built.

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Muddy affair Versova Layout



This is the condition of Versova Layout, Kaggadasapura Road 1st Cross. Stones were removed to dump mud a month ago.

Maintenance needed Lakkappa Layout



The park in Lakkappa Layout gets no proper maintenance. The main gate is broken and cows enter, leaving a mess behind.

Bus fuss Mico Layout



This BMC bus is in a bad state. Its rear and stop lights are not working, creating trouble for commuters near Mico Layout.

Electric idea that can save BMTC

Analysis by CESL shows e-buses can help cut costs by 27% as compared to diesel



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Apart from gaining green points, large-scale adoption of e-mobility solutions could be the much-needed lifeline for the loss-ridden Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC). According to Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL), running e-buses can bring down the costs by 27% than diesel and 23% lower than CNG (without subsidy).

BMTC ridership has been taking a hit over the years with the pandemic having a devastating impact on it. More and more commuters flock to private transport in want of better and interconnected services. With diesel prices shooting upwards, large-scale adoption of e-buses could effectively help BMTC bring down operational costs and become profitable, the CESL said.

CESL MD Mahua Acharya said, "It costs Rs 75/km to run a diesel bus. Conductors are paid Rs 10-11 per km. On the other hand, the cost of running electric buses is Rs 41/km. Currently, for every new electric bus, they have an odd number of old diesel buses to maintain. STCs can become profitable with an overhaul of the entire fleet, and the shift will take some time."

One of the key reasons for commuters' reluctance towards shifting to public

transport has been the quality of service. E-buses could also facilitate more premium bus services.

"A timely, clean and app-based public bus service is an attractive proposition. BMTC is targeted only towards people who cannot afford private transport. Luxury buses could also help a large section of commuters overcome the social stigma associated with public transport," said Acharya.

E-buses can also enable improved connectivity to arterial roads.

Buses need to be available 50 metres

Companies take a long time to give power connections and sanction loans. They are the weakest link in the shift towards e-mobility solutions

from each commuter's house, said Acharya, adding that a lot of old areas in Bengaluru like Chikpete have narrow roads, and small buses arrive in the market based on demand signalling. Meeting the last-mile is the customer-centric approach STCs need to undertake, she opined.

Despite lower operational costs, STCs shy away from e-buses due to their high capital cost. Experts say that loss-incurring STCs need to shift from 'owning and oper-

ating' model to an 'aggregator model'. With the latter, STCs can contract for a service instead of buying new buses. STCs pay a per km rate to the private operator. BMTC would need to assure lenders timely payments.

However, there are hurdles along the way. "Distribution companies take a long time to give power connections and sanction loans. They are the weakest link in the shift towards e-mobility solutions and need to come onboard," explained Acharya.

Bus services, in general, need to become customer-centric. Respecting privacy laws, data needs to be collected by using big data tools and AI to allow real-time updates, she further said. App accessibility is another need.

BMTC director (IT) AV Surya Sen said, "Seeing no trend in reduction of diesel prices, electric buses are a solution in near future. We have already ordered 2000 e-buses. In the next 2-3 years, 30 per cent of BMTC's fleet will become electric."

BMTC also highlighted that the primary challenge in scaling up EV infrastructure involves huge capital investments.

"Paying BESCOM and getting power connections involves capital expenditure. All the costs are borne by the corporation. This year, BMTC secured funds from the national Clean Air Program and has been earmarked for developing infrastructure for the 921 e-buses from Tata Motors," he added.

It takes High Court to wake K-RERA up and do its job?

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Fed up with the inordinate delay by Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (K-RERA) in passing orders, some home buyers approached the Karnataka High Court. The home buyers were seeking a direction to K-RERA to pass the order pertaining to a builder who constructed flats on Thanisandra Main Road.

"We filed the complaint in October 2019 which came up for hearing in August 2020 after repeated follow ups. As there was no response, and due to the change of RERA panel, we were asked for yet another final hearing session which concluded in February 2022. With no sight of orders, we were compelled to file a mandamus in the High Court which directed the RERA to release orders within a week," said Subroto Chakraborty, one of the homebuyers.

Sobha City Bengaluru Buyers Association filed a writ petition in the HC seeking a direction to the K-RERA to pass the order without any delay. The HC judgment delivered on July 12, 2022, said the statement of objections filed by respondent No. 3 (K-RERA) would not indicate any acceptable reason for not passing orders for the last six months. "The authority is established under the Section

20 of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016, has to perform/discharge its duties in accordance with provisions of 2016 Act," the HC said.

The HC also said that the authority, after hearing the matter, is expected to pass orders on it within a reasonable time. "If the Authority after hearing the matter sleeps over the matter, the purpose and objective of the Act would be defeated. So, it is a fit case where the Authority is to be directed to pass appropriate orders on the complaint of the petitioner within a period of four weeks," the HC said.

K-RERA passed the order on August 19, 2022.

However, Forum for People's Collective Efforts general secretary MS Shankar wondered how many complainants could knock on the door of the judiciary. He said that home buyers need transparent data on how many more orders are reserved. "There are many such issues on the implementation of the RERA Act and regrettably, our requests for a joint review by the Government of Karnataka and the RERA Karnataka are pending," he said.

When contacted, K-RERA secretary Ibrahim Maigur said the K-RERA has passed the order as per HC Court order. "I think it is a closed chapter. The complainants can approach the Tribunal if they are not happy with the order," he said.

3 girls go missing

Three high school students have gone missing from the city. According to a complaint filed by girls' parents, the students of St Joseph's Higher Primary School in Pulakeshinagar had left home for school on September 6 and not returned since. The parents have sought police help in tracing the girls at the earliest.

CRIME FILES

Mother kills son, self

A mother and son died by hanging at Hosaguddadahalli. Police said 48-year-old Lashmamma killed her 13-year-old son Madan by hanging him forcefully after which she killed herself. As the door remained closed for a long time, the neighbours informed the cops.

Student mowed down by van

A Class I student of a government school died after being hit by the vehicle of a private school at Munnekollala. Nitish Kumar (7), who was studying in the first class of Munnekollala Government School was hit by a vehicle of Ryan School on his way to school around 9 am on Wednesday.

Fake telephone exchange busted

The CCB police have arrested five persons running a fake firm involved in converting international calls into local. Police said the accused used to operate from localities like Koramangala, MICO Layout and Rajajinagar. According to the police, they used to run an illegal exchange to convert voice over internet protocol (VoIP) calls into GSM calls.

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Belur & Halebid inching closer to UNESCO tag

Hoysala Temple of Belur, Halebid and Somnathpur as India's nomination for World Heritage sites 2022-2023

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Are Belur and Halebid temples might be close to getting the UNESCO tag as on Wednesday, a UNESCO team visited the Belur temple and Halebid temples on Tuesday. Meanwhile, officials are taking steps to ensure that Belur and Halebid find their place.

Measures are being taken so that there are no construction activities in and around the periphery of the temple. The temple administration has decided to ensure that the temple premises will be maintained well



and that no modern technology will be adopted inside the temple.

Toilets and drinking water facilities will be provided to tourists. A blueprint has been prepared for developing the Navaratri Mantap.

Officially, the Hoysala Temples of Belur, Halebid and Somnathpur have been finalised as India's nomination for consideration as World Heritage for the year 2022-2023. The effort

has been ongoing since 1992.

Though Karnataka is rich in culture, only Hampi and Pattadakal in Karnataka are considered UNESCO World Heritage sites. For the last few decades, there has been a demand to promote more places on the list. The officials have been working hard since the 1990s to push for the Hoysala temples on the list. The sacred ensembles have been on UNESCO's

tentative list since April 15, 2014.

The preparation for the UNESCO tag began way back. Firstly, a dossier was submitted to the World Heritage Centre and technical scrutiny was done. This is followed by a site evaluation. The dossier will be taken up for consideration in July or August 2023. Currently, the three Hoysala temples have been declared protected monuments by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

"Now, the state government will ensure the conservation of state-protected monuments which are around these three monuments since it would add to the visual integrity of the place. The District Master Plan of the state government will also incorporate the buffers of all monuments and build an integrated man-

Currently, the three Hoysala temples are protected monuments under the ASI

agement plan. The government will also look at the traffic management issues to be looked into especially around the designated property," according to the Press Information Bureau. The temples of Belur (220 km from Bengaluru), Halebid (210 km) and Somanathapura (135 km) have been built around the 12 and 13 centuries.

"These temples attest to the creativity and skill of the Hoysala artists and architects who built these masterpieces of a kind never seen before or since. The Hoysala architects used their profound knowledge of temple architecture in different parts of India to their advantage," the PIB said.

The Hoysala architects made considered and informed eclectic selections of features from other temple typologies which they further modified and then complemented with their particular innovations. The result was the birth of a completely novel 'Hoysala Temple' form, the PIB release added.

Want bribe? Take jibes, give us jobs

KPSC aspirants start a sarcastic letter campaign against scam and corruption in recruitment process

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Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) aspirants begin a 'sarcastic letter campaign' against the suspected scams and corruption in the recruitment process.

Congress spokesperson Bhavya Narasimhamurthy, who has led all the KPSC protests in recent months told Bangalore Mirror that the aspirants have also submitted a memorandum to the opposition to be presented in the ongoing sessions of the state legislature.

"The scams in the recruitment process are known to everyone, take the ongoing PSI issue for instance. Recently the rank list for KPSC Secondary Division Assistant posts was released and there are a number of serial roll numbers on the rank list," she said.

The letter campaign has started where the aspirants are either writing letters or tweeting with the hashtag '#lanchatogolikelasakodi' meaning 'Take the bribe but give the job'.

Aspirants and their families are being urged to use the hashtag with their 2-minute-long videos expressing their frustration, wishes, and anger toward the mismanagement and corruption by the government.

"We are also encouraging the aspirants to put pen or other things with the letters. For example, if the student is the son of a farmer, he will put grains of rice or millets along with the letter. This is a comment for the authorities who



have been delaying the notifications for new posts and recruitments."

The campaign points to the fact that the only belonging these students have at present are these pens and papers, and they are willing to offer them as bribes if that is required for the job, she explained.

The aspirants will be also holding a protest in Freedom park on September 19. "We will urge the government through satyagraha and not move this time until the authorities come and address the issue."

Around several areas of Karnataka, the campaign is being led by Karnataka State Competitive Examination Aspirants Association (KSCEAA).

Students' woes

Narasimhamurthy told Bangalore mirror that thousands of KPSC aspirants have been waiting for years for new notifications and results for many posts. "These students are facing lots of financial as well as mental issues due to this. Some students come around 4:00 in the morning and wait in front of the government library that opens at 8:00... Every student faces these problems but for them, it has been more than three years," she said.

The main demands of the aspirants are Timely notifications for upcoming exams, an annual calendar of KPSC exams, complete transparency in recruitment and implementation of the PC Hota committee recommendations.

The aspirants will be also holding a protest in Freedom park on September 19

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Hijab ban: 'What are figures on students dropping out'

To say one wouldn't tolerate someone wearing hijab is contrary to spirit of fraternity: Advocate

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The Supreme Court Wednesday asked whether there is any authentic figure regarding dropping out of students from educational institutions in Karnataka because of the Hijab ban and the subsequent judgement by the high court on the issue. "Do you have those authentic figures that because of this Hijab ban and the subsequent judgement of the high court, 20, 30, 40 or 50 students have dropped out?" a bench of Justices Hemant Gupta and Sudhanshu Dhulia asked after the counsel appearing for one of the petitioners raised the issue of students, especially girls, dropping out of school.

Senior advocate Huzefa Ahmadi, representing one of the petitioners, referred to a report and said it has testimonies of several students.

"My friend (one of the lawyers) informed me that 17,000 students had really abstained from the exams after this particular judgement," he said to the bench hearing arguments on a batch of pleas challenging the Karnataka High Court verdict refusing to lift the ban on hijab in educational institutions of the state.

Ahmadi said the effect of the government order in the matter would be that girls, who were earlier going and taking secular education in schools, will be forced to go back to Madrasas. "Why should someone feel that one religious observance will obstruct in any manner legitimate or secular education or unity? Why should anyone get provoked if someone wears a Hijab and goes to school? Why should other students have a problem?" he said.

Senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan, appearing for another petitioner, argued that one of the most important parts of this case is that a person wearing a hijab cannot be discriminated against on the grounds of religion and sex.



Students wearing hijab were not allowed to enter their college in Bengaluru (file photo)

“Why should someone feel that one religious observance will obstruct in any manner legitimate or secular education or unity?”

—Senior advocate Huzefa Ahmadi

gion and sex.

"The reason why this case is important is when it was decided, the headlines were not that the dress code was upheld, the headlines were that the hijab had been struck down by the Karnataka High Court," he said. The bench observed that it does not go by what is written in the newspapers.

Dhavan argued that across India

and in the entire world, whether it is an Islamic state or otherwise, Hijab is recognised as valid.

He said if according to the tenets of the faith, something is being done in a particular way and it is bona fide, then that has to be followed.

Arguing that this is not a simple case of discipline, Dhavan said what is the justification, ocular or otherwise, to say that Hijab is opposed to public order. "There is none," he said, adding that there is a campaign that hijab must go.

"This is not a 'yes', 'no' issue. This is not an issue where you say we have a disciplinary code, follow it. What are the obligations on the authority concerned to bring a measure of inclusiveness as far this is concerned and to apply the least restrictive approach," he said?

"It is probably targeting Muslims and Muslim women in particular

and therefore contrary to Articles 14 and 15. And this kind of targeting without any sensitivity is contrary to law and the Constitution," Dhavan said.

Ahmadi said if a woman chooses to wear a Hijab, why should that provoke anyone else? "And if it does, you have to actually address that. Because otherwise, you are effectively allowing someone to be bullied," he said. Ahmadi argued that to say, one would not tolerate someone wearing Hijab, is completely contrary to the spirit of fraternity as enshrined in the preamble. "The GO (government order) does not say no Hijab," the bench observed.

Referring to the National Education Policy, he said the legitimate state interest should be to promote education.

Arguments in the case would continue on Thursday too. —PTI

Robin Uthappa announces retirement from cricket

Indian batter Robin Uthappa announced his retirement from all forms of Indian cricket on Wednesday.

The batter, who last represented Team India in 2015, took to social media to make the announcement through a letter.

Uthappa shared a heartfelt post announcing his retirement from all forms of cricket on Koo App.

The right-handed batter said it has been the "greatest honour" to represent India and Karnataka during this illustrious career.

"It has been my greatest honour to represent my country and my state, Karnataka. However, all good things must come to an end, and with a grateful heart, I have decided to retire from all forms of Indian cricket. Thank you all," Uthappa said on the Koo app.

"It has been 20 years since I started playing professional cricket, and it has been the greatest



honour to represent my country and state, Karnataka—wonderful journey of ups and downs; one that has been fulfilling, rewarding, enjoyable and has allowed me to grow as a human being," Uthappa added.

Uthappa played for the 2004 Under-19 World Cup team for India. Uthappa made his Team India debut in April 2006 against England in ODIs. Since then, he has played 46 ODIs for India, across which he has scored 934 runs in 42 innings at an average of 25.94. Six half-centuries have come out of his bat.

He has also played 13 T20Is for India, scoring 249 runs at an average of 24.90. He has scored one half-century in the format, with the best score of 50. The stylish batter was a part of the Indian side which lifted the inaugural ICC T20 World Cup in 2007 in South Africa. The batter from Karnataka has won two IPL trophies—one for Kolkata Knight Riders and one for Chennai Super Kings in 2014 and 2021. —ANI

TG Halli deadline pushed further

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Sweden and Japan, the homogenisation technique for the Water Treatment Plant has to be imported from the United States.

"We have been informed that the machines have already been shipped and they are on the way. Once they arrive, we will install and commission the project. We are commissioning the sewage treatment plant; the electro-mechanical equipment is expected to reach the city any moment now. The water treatment plant is yet to be commissioned," said SV Ramesh, chief engineer, BWSSB.

The board started the rejuvenation work of the reservoir in 2019 with Rs 286 crore in its kitty. An STP and a water treatment plant were set up as part of the rejuvenation plan.

Buffer zone: double standards exposed

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expected to house a gym, rooms for women police constables and a conference hall. "As of now, we are constructing ground and first floors at an estimated cost of Rs 50 lakh. We do not know whether the police department will send another proposal to add one or two floors to this building," a BBMP assistant executive engineer told BM.

Meanwhile, social activists and residents have been demanding the BBMP cancel the construction of the building as it is against the buffer zone norms.

"I will file complaints with the Lokayukta and BBMP chief commissioner to cancel the construction of the building. It is a clear violation of buffer zone norms

There is hardly any space between the building under construction and the stormwater drain. I oppose the construction of this building," said Abhilash P, a human rights activist from Malleswaram.

Anup Iyengar, Congress leader from Malleswaram, mounted scathing criticism on the construction of the said building. He demanded the BBMP's ongoing drive against encroachment of stormwater drains in Mahadevapura zone be halted if the BBMP wants to go ahead with the construction of the multi-purpose building in the Sadashivanagar police station compound.

"I want to know how come the BBMP is constructing a building for the police station. How can the BBMP enforce buffer zone norms

when they themselves are not following them?" asked Iyengar.

V Lakshmikanth Rao, an advocate from Malleswaram, questioned the urgency in constructing the building at Sadashivanagar police station. "The city roads are full of potholes. Instead of making life easy for citizens, the BBMP has embarked on the construction of a building for the police department. I think the building is being constructed just to pocket money," said Rao.

A pedestrian too, pleading anonymity, criticised the BBMP for not focusing on the footpath in front of the building under construction. "The footpath is not pedestrian-friendly. I am compelled to walk on the road due to the pathetic condition of the footpath," said the pedestrian.



PILLOW TALK

Here are 10 styling tips for your bedroom

It is just as important to dress your bed as it is to dress yourself. A bed is your sacred space, which you want to protect to the best of your ability. It provides you with a sense of comfort and is cosy; it serves as a safe haven for you. A bed is also the first thing that anyone notices when entering a bedroom.

According to statistics, you spend 3000 hours on your bed in a year, can you imagine that?

Rajiv Merchant, President of Domestic Retail, Boutique Living, Indo Count Industries says, "Your bed is the most important aspect of your home because it's where you spend most of your time. It's crucial to have a bed that emits comfort. When you come home after a long tiring day, your bed helps you feel relaxed and keeps you calm. Comfortable and luxury bed linen will be the way to help you achieve the same."

Here are a few tips that would help you make your comfort zone into a bed that looks straight out of home decor:

Mattress Matters

A great quality mattress is something that should be invested in without giving it a second thought. How it looks is equally as important as how it feels in terms of comfort and luxury. Experts recommend investing in 100 per cent cotton fabrics as it is breathable and provides more comfort as compared to synthetic fibre mattresses.

Pillows Talkin'

The secret to a good night's sleep is hidden in the pillows. Waking



up with a sore neck because of uncomfortable pillows is the worst nightmare for many. It is essential to invest in, not just good quality but good-looking pillows as well to add that luxurious touch.

Duveting it effortlessly

Switching up the looks of a space is often very exciting but Quality duvets are not always the cheapest. A great solution to this is investing in Reversible Duvets. Neutrals, prints, shapes - there are so many to choose from. When a reversible duvet is styled correctly, it looks tres magnifique!

Throw in some colour

Colourful and chic throw-ons are a minimal yet great addition to a beautiful-looking bed. Coordinating pillows and throws according to theme or patterns is the key. They should look like they belong together and not clash with each

other in your space.

Bedspreads

Bedspreads are minimal yet they add so much to the beauty. Textured, coloured & patterned bedspreads are always a good choice. Laying it at the bottom half of your bed and placing it carefully will make your bed look and feel like it's straight out of a Pinterest Board!

Colour Scheme

The colours are beautiful. Incorporate them into your bed's theme, when everything placed follows a colour scheme, it just falls into place and makes a big beautiful picture-perfect bed!

Make your bed!

Now, this might sound like a task but trust us, all you need to do is fluff up the pillows, straighten the

bedspread, adjust the duvet and voila! You're good to go.

Layers

Layering doesn't always mean a cluttered space. Balance while layering holds great importance. Knowing where to place which element can bring your layering game to 100!

It's in the Details

Pay attention to even the smallest of details. An uncut tag, a popped-out zipper or a button - the smallest things could stand out like a sore thumb in your aesthetic setup.

Finishing it off

The key to a beautiful trip to slumberland is a great scent. Find yourself some calming scents like lavender, that smell great, feel luxe and help you fall asleep faster. A great book by the nightstand helps too!

—IANSlife



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a woman in my 30s and have a best friend from school and we see each other a lot. Our lifestyles are very similar - we're both married and we both have a baby, as well as older daughters who are six. My dilemma is, her daughter is out of control and she's mean and often aggressive towards my daughter, who's quiet and won't assert herself. My friend clearly can't control her daughter and makes excuses for her behaviour, which includes tantrums, pushing, hitting and swearing. I love my friend to pieces, but I haven't been able to discuss this with her because I know it's a sensitive subject and she might hate me for bringing it up. It's got to the point where I don't want them coming over. What can I do?

COLEEN SAYS

This is a really tricky one because no one enjoys feeling judged on their parenting style or welcomes negative comments about their kids. It hurts and it brings out the protective lioness in all mothers! If I were you, I'd suggest meeting each other without your daughters. Your friendship doesn't have to revolve around them. Tell her you miss having time to catch up with her without the kids demanding your attention. If she pushes back against this idea and wants to involve the kids, then say something like, "I've got to be honest, my daughter's a bit terrified, so it's not relaxing and I don't want to put any of us in a stressful situation". She won't like to hear that, but if you're as close as you say you are, it might open up an honest and supportive chat. You might be able to talk it out and your friend might even ask for advice. But remember, adult friendships shouldn't be dependent on kids' relationships - you were best pals long before your kids came along but it doesn't mean your kids have to be.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror



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A South Korean beauty secret: Pink Aloe Vera

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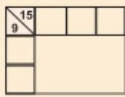
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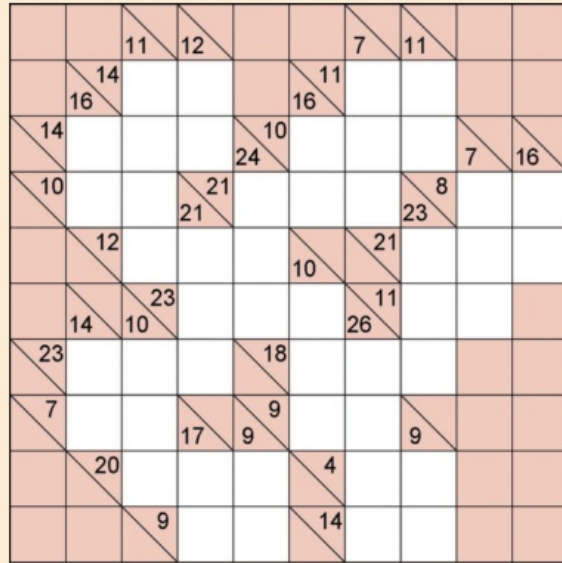
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The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

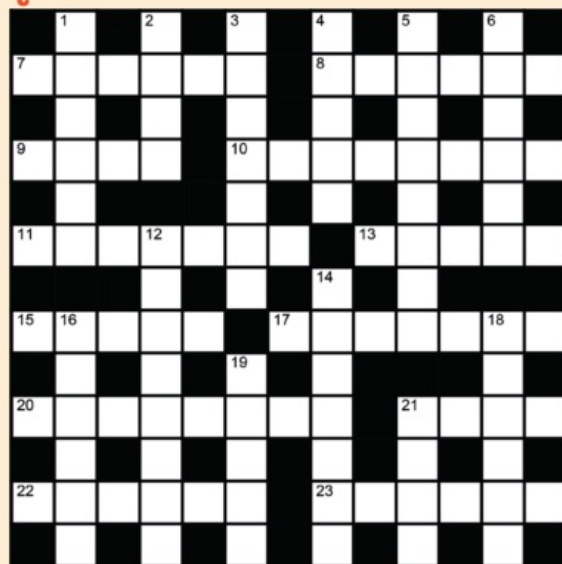


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 7 South African flowering shrub (6)
- 8 Crows or boasts (6)
- 9 K Asif's magnum opus Mughal-e- (4)
- 10 Sparkles (8)
- 11 Forerunner to chemistry? (7)
- 13 Sheen (5)
- 15 Vacant (5)
- 17 Capital of Israel (3,4)
- 20 Eases the burden or becomes less dark (8)
- 21 Instant (colloq) (4)
- 22 Retards or hinders (6)
- 23 Commotion (6)

DOWN

- 1 South American country (6)
- 2 Piece of news (4)
- 3 Where three rivers meet in Karnataka (7)
- 4 In addition (5)
- 5 Mexican food (8)
- 6 Large wading birds (6)
- 12 A covered opening in a ship's deck to allow entrance to a lower deck (8)
- 14 Persons who let on lease (7)
- 16 Posted (6)
- 18 An ___ of refugees : an exodus of the oppressed, should we say? (6)
- 19 Armed robbery (5)
- 21 Side post of doorway (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Y EQUALS T
VS ATYOKGY KVV GZZ V
IOFNY DNZUZ YNZUZ OG SASZ,
JLY DNW KLG YNZ TZGGOKGY
VIDVWG ULS YA JIAD OY ALY?



Linemaro

Your hair looks really nice like that



Mindchow

Avoid cliches like the plague



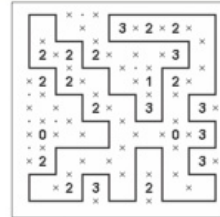
Joke of the day

A friend in need is a pest indeed

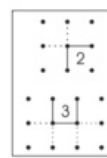
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

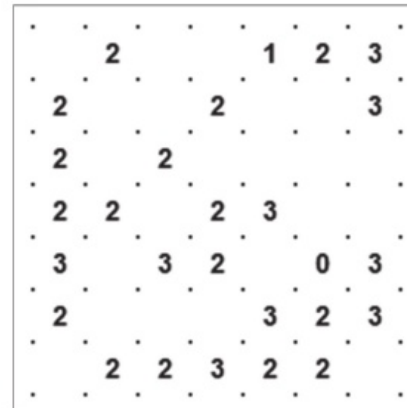


(Fig B)
Not Allowed

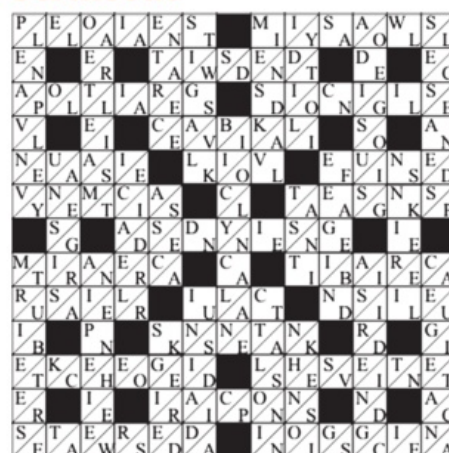
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

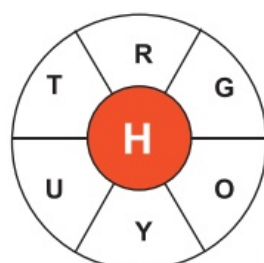
- 1 Dahls; 6 Tores;
- 7 Go out; 8 I rose;
- 9 Pryer

DOWN

- 1 Do Pro; 2 So Hue;
- 3 Stair; 4 Gleer;
- 5 Troys

Mensapuzzle

What two numbers should replace the question marks?



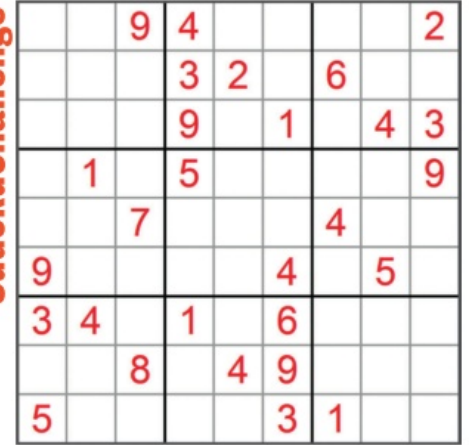
0, 1, 2, 5, 20, 25, ?, ?

Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

06 Average; 07 Good; 09 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Easy

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

4 5 9 9 = 9

Medium

1 2 2 5 = 5

2 9 9 8 = 19

Hard

2 9 9 8 = 19

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Mug is reversed. 2. Salt and pepper are switched. 3. Nose is smaller. 4. Mouth is different. 5. Seat is moved. 6. Hair is different.

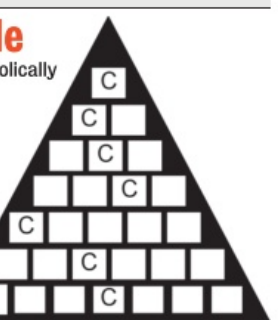
Riddler

Why was Cinderella kicked off the football team?

Alpha triangle

- 1 Diamond's element symbolically
- 2 Common Era, abbr.
- 3 Frozen water
- 4 Gambling cubes
- 5 Quoted
- 6 Duplicity
- 7 Threw out

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson



Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil



Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today you may have some mood swings. You may feel dull and you might fall ill. This will affect your day-to-day routine. You are advised to avoid rash driving and adventure tours. Today you may also spend money on worthless things, which may affect your financial health.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today you may be spiritual and also help needy people around you. You may also plan to donate some amount to charity or a religious place. Your good karma may help you get success in your difficult projects. You may feel some divine power around you, which may help you in unpredictable situations. You may be attracted by the occult. Students are likely to enjoy studying.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today you may have mixed situations around you. It is advised to not expect more from anyone around you, it may make you disappointed. Today you may have to do self-exploration and self-analysis, which may allow filtering yourself. After the filtration process, you may feel confident and be able to prepare to accept challenges.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today you may feel detachment from responsibilities. You also spend more on purchasing worthless stuff, which may increase negativity in the house or office. You are advised to keep an eye on your opponents and rivals, otherwise, you may be a victim of a conspiracy. It is advised to read documents carefully before signing them.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today you may feel dull and you may be the victim of hidden fears. You are not in the situation to trust anyone. It is advised to do meditation, and chant some prayer, which may help you to come out of this situation. With the help of elders' blessings around late evening, you may come out of this messy situation.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today, you may plan for a change in place, it is advised to postpone the decision related to migration. It is also advised to avoid investing in a business. By the late evening, the situation may be under control. With the help of good advice from one of the elders, you may control the messy situation.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today blessings from elders may make you happy. Your investments may give you profits. Losses are converted into profits now. Your savings may boost your bank balance. You may plan to invest for kid's future also. You may also enjoy some delicious food at home. Your problems related to throat, teeth, ear or nose will get resolved now.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today you may be happy. You may spread happiness around you, you may feel harmony in your domestic life. You may enjoy some romantic moments with your spouse. Your family may support you in taking some important decisions on the professional front. You may expect some new ventures or partnerships in the business or work.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today you may expect a short business trip. You may also expect to get some rewards for your success in your domain. You may hear some good news from siblings. Job seekers, who are seeking management jobs, may get success. Singles are likely to get engaged.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today you are blessed by elders. You will be more patient and your focus on your work will be very good. Your parents' health will improve. You are likely to spend your time with elders. You may also meet some influential people, who may help you on the professional front. You may also enjoy your romantic moments which may increase harmony in domestic life.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today positive moon may make you happy. You should use your patience at every stage. You will perform well in your job and you may get some incentives in terms of rewards. Health-related issues of family members will be resolved now. Job seekers are likely to get a suitable job in their domain.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Today is a good day. You are blessed by Jupiter and your wisdom may help you to come out of difficult situations. You may also help people in dire need, you may also give your opinion to your family or friends, which may increase your prestige among them. You may have some differences of opinions with your spouse, which may affect your domestic life.



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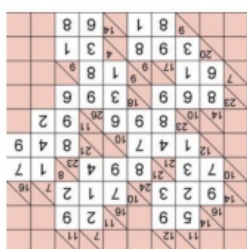
Sadhi Sanju, 6 Years, The New Cambridge English School



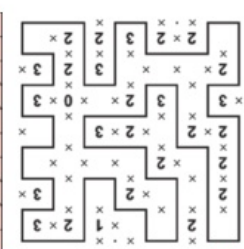
B V Raj Adithya, 9 Years, National Public School

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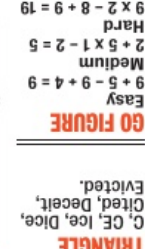
SOLUTIONS



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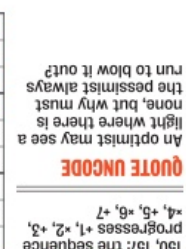
LOOP



ALPHA TRIANGLE



SUDOKU



MENSA PUZZLE



QUICK



STRIKE OUT



BULL'S EYE



SOLVE IN 1M

Because she ran away from the ball

RIDDER

FAST FIVE

hour, hurt, tough, through, tough, youth

$(3 \times 2 \times 1) \times (1 + 1) \times 18$



SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

In the shadows

Celebs who opened up about their obsessive stalkers

Beyond the glitzy and glamorous side of show business and superstardom, lies a dark and unsettling side that leaves actors constantly looking over their shoulders. While fame may bring along

with it love, recognition and hoards of fans, it has also brought with it unwanted attention. From Malavika Mohanan to Katrina Kaif, here's a list of Bollywood celebrities who opened up about their dealing with obsessive stalkers.

Raveena Tandon

Raveena Tandon proved she had a heart of gold when she stepped up to provide medical help to a stalker who was harassing her. The man identified as Mahaveer Jaspal Pandav, followed the actress around and even attacked her husband Anil Thadani. The couple sought a restraining order against the man who insisted that he was married to the actress and was only trying to protect her. When informed of his 'delusional state', a sympathetic Raveena offered to bear the cost of his psychiatric treatment.



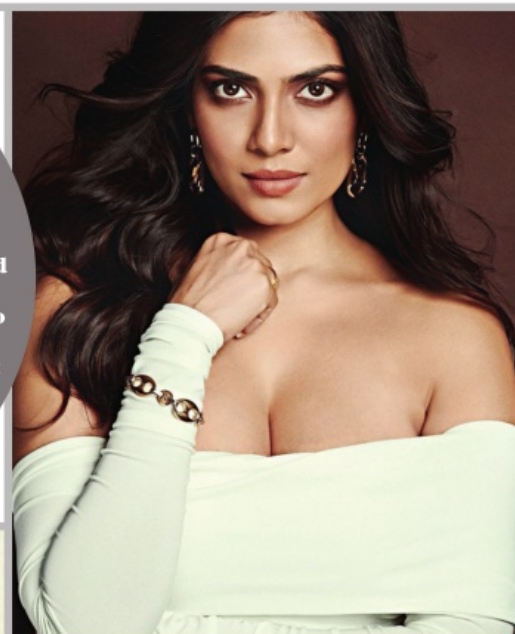
Katrina Kaif

Over the years, Katrina Kaif had many fans crushing over her and hoping to win her heart. When the actress married Vicky Kaushal, it seemingly didn't go down too well with a fan-turned-stalker, who threatened the hunk with dire consequences if he didn't end the marriage. The police later arrested the man, believed to be a struggling actor. He was arrested from his room, where he used his social media accounts to send messages to both Vicky and Katrina. He also edited photos of himself with the actress and called her his 'wife'.



Shruti Haasan

Unlike the others on this list, actress Shruti Haasan was attacked by her stalker in her Mumbai apartment. Reports stated that a man, who had been stalking her for a while, knocked on her door and grabbed her by the neck while trying to force himself into her home. The man was later identified as one of the spot-boys who worked on Shruti's sets. He was arrested and booked under various sections of the IPC.



Malavika Mohanan

Actress Malavika Mohanan had a tough time trying to ward off the attention of an incessant admirer recently. The star recalled the incident that she said, "was pure stalking". The actress revealed that she first met the man in Chennai during her 'Master' movie release. He followed her to a hotel in Baku (Azerbaijan) and came back to Chennai again. Besides following her around, he also knew that Tiramisu is her favourite dessert and sent some over to her house. "It was a bit unnerving because he was geographically everywhere. This person was tracking me at different places," she said and added that it didn't 'feel safe'. Although she hasn't taken any legal action yet, she has asked her team to stay vigilant.

Sushmita Sen

Sushmita Sen is used to receiving gifts from adoring fans, but things took an unsettling turn when the actress found bridal attire complete with wedding accessories in her mailbox. According to reports, an obsessed fan sent her the gift and later threatened to kill her if she rejected his marriage proposal. Shaken up by the incident, Sushmita took the legal route and reported the events to the police.



For friendship

Ex-serviceman Shivanand S Neelannavar is determined to give his friend Sachin Dhanpal a big break. Neelannavar is said to have spent crores to make Champion in which Dhanpal debuts as a hero. Adhithi Prab-hudeva is the heroine. To spice it up, Neelannavar has roped in Sunny Leone for a song.



"I had told Sachin in 2008 when we were roommates that I will make him a hero if I get money. As promised, I put in money to make Champion. My pockets are not deep but I value friendship," said Neelannavar. He said the film suffered a shock when its director Sahuraj Shinde passed away on November 19, 2020. "Five songs were yet to be filmed when he passed away. I was in a dilemma but friends encouraged me." Champion looks set for release on October 14.

It clicked

Anil CR, who owns a photo studio at Gandhinagar in the city, has graduated not only as a script and dialogue writer but also as a producer and an actor. Anil plays the lead role in Asthira, a love triangle. Pramod, apart from handling the megaphone, plays the second lead role.

"I did not undergo training in acting but Pramod helped me by giving useful tips on how to face the camera and how to act in action, sentimental and romantic scenes. The movie was made for around Rs 50 lakh," said Anil.

According to Pramod, the movie is about a few friends going on a trip and facing unexpected incidents. "The shooting began at Bannur in Mysuru a few months ago. We also visited Honnavar and Kumta for shooting and completed the shoot in 40 days. Now, we are busy with post-production work," said Pramod.

The movie has five songs, including an item number.

Asthira is Pramod's fourth movie as a director. He has earlier directed Achala, Om Shanti Om, and Samaya. "Preparations are being made to release my third movie Samaya shortly," he said.

